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Mr. Zenen Ozoa
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Bottom Fishing Vessel Ka Imi Kai
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Dear Mr. Ozoa:

I very much appreciate your copying me on your letter to Governor Lingle expressing support for full protection of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands ecosystem, closure of the fishery, and buyout of the current federal permittees. It is important to me that the current permittees be fairly compensated, and I suspect they will do better if we move on this sooner rather than later. As one of the nine federal permittees, your testimony on this issue carries a lot of weight.

I would be pleased to have an opportunity to meet with you to discuss your perception of sentiments among the other permit holders for a buyout. Please call Roberta in my Hawaii office (808-541-1986) if would like to meet personally.

You may also want to share your views on this issue with the other members of Hawaii's Congressional delegation (Senators Inouye and Akaka and Congressman Abercrombie) as their support for or opposition to a buyout could be decisive.

With aloha,

Ed Case

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United States Congressman
Hawaii, Second District